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1. On 29 September 1954 a conference of the Working Circle for Gyroscopes was held at the VEB Kleinmaschinenbau (plant for small machines) in Hartha. Among others, the WTBC (Scientific Technical Bureau for Instrument Construction) Berlin, the Ministry of Interior, Funkwerk Koepenick, Professor Boege from Ilmenau, and Freiburger Präzisionsmechanik (Precision) ball-bearing factories and the VEB Hartha were represented at the meeting which was held to select certain types of gyroscopes as bases for development.

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2. It was *that* a series of 3 types of *to 1* series would probab moments of inertia
3. It was decided that VEB Kleinmaschinenbau Hartha should construct gyroscopes similar to those produced before 1945. WTBC was to check the suggested designs, and the Institute of Professor Boege in Ilmenau was to be charged with the theoretical development work.
4. It was not yet decided whether the gyroscopes should operate with 400 or 500 cycles or not. Several countries including the USSR operate with 400 cycles. The major problem was the production of precision bearings. The representatives of the ball bearing plants stated that, with *the* were incapable of produ required for gyroscopes.
5. *It* probably become the central *of* of gyroscopes. Geraetewer (plant), previously Askania, dropped further activities in this field, and Funkwerk Koepenick did not show any special interest in the development of gyroscopic instruments.

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It was not planned that VEB Kleinmaschinenbau Hartha was to be  
 [redacted] in this type of development activities. Since the 1955  
 [redacted] for the p [redacted] scheduled to be completed by 15  
 [redacted] er, was not [redacted] ady, the general distribution of the  
 development order [redacted] not be discussed.

6. The development of gyroscopic instruments was allegedly to be  
 settled at future conferences.

2. [redacted] [redacted] with VEB Elektromotorenwerk Harth 25X1

3. [redacted] Comment: This has been previously called simply VEB Askania- 25X1  
 Werke Teltow. It is possible the name is being changed, in line with the  
 general pattern of other East German plants, such as VEB Elektrotechnik f  
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